VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The enemy is fear. We think it is hate, but it is fear." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

Dec. 30, 2015

IU Art Museum

Volunteer opportunities at the IU Art Museum are frequently available in the areas of visitor services, gift shop, office administration, special events, tour guides, outreach, and curatorial and conservation assistants. A commitment of at least four hours a week is requested. You can read more about these opportunities and complete an application online or visit the museum receptionist on the third floor. Both students and non-students are welcome! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Laura Scheper at (812) 855-8978 or scheperl@iu.edu. (www.artmuseum.iu.edu)

Visually Impaired Preschool Services

There are many ways to support the work of Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) as a volunteer! VIPS empowers families to achieve educational excellence for their young children with visual impairments, which builds a strong foundation for the children to reach their highest potential. Volunteer opportunities include office assistance, assembling welcome bags for new VIPS families and assembling story book boxes for VIPS children. (Instructions are provided.) Volunteers also make specific items for children as specified by VIPS teachers, such as coloring screens and computer paper box desks. In the summer, volunteers can assist with the enrichment camps. Volunteers can also assist with yard work. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Tana Hellwig at (888) 824-2197 or thellwig@vips.org. (www.vips.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Volunteers in Medicine

A free medical clinic for adults without health insurance or the economic means to pay for health care. To grant a wish, contact Nancy Richman at nrichman@vimmonroecounty.org or (812) 333-4032. (811 W. Second St.; www.vimmonroecounty.org)

Wishes: small Dixie cups, quart Ziploc bags, paper lunch bags, batteries (9V, AA, lithium CR2032), printer paper, jumbo paper clips, battery back-up surge protector

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or purchase a few items yourself. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

Paint A Dream! - MLK Day Jan. 18

The be.CAUSE Gallery and Studio invites the community to join them as they create a mural for Bloomington in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 18. No artistic skills are required, as the mural will be outlined in a paint-by-number fashion. Bring a group of friends or family to help! Painting will commence at 9 a.m. and finish by dark. Minimum age is 16; 12 if accompanied by a parent or guardian.Please contact Brianne Harness at (318) 751-2948 or brianne@becausebloomington.com. (www.becausebloomington.com)

Windfall Work Day – MLK Day Jan. 18

Windfall Dancers would welcome your assistance as they work to bring the art of dance to more members in the community! Windfall is organizing a volunteer work day from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Jan. 18 to make improvements on their building in preparation for the renovation of the lower level studio. Projects will include painting, installing shelving, and thoroughly cleaning the studios. Garden cleanup will also occur, weather permitting. Children are welcome to help! Please contact Kay Olges at (812) 334-0506 or school@windfalldancers.org. (www.windfalldancers.wordpress.com)

Read from the Works and Teachings of Dr. King in Spanish - MLK Day Jan. 18

CUBAmistad, which is a Sister Cities initiative, is working to broaden the reach of Dr. Martin Luther King's positive messages. Volunteers who can read in Spanish are asked to join CUBAmistad's special program from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Jan. 18, Dr. King Day. Individuals will read from the works and teachings of Dr. King; CUBAmistad will have text on hand or you can bring your own. People are also invited to bring donations of books, written in Spanish, which reflect the teachings of Dr. King. Donors may specify that the books go either to the Monroe County Public Library, Midwest Pages to Prisoners or the Municipal Library in Santa Clara, Cuba. Children are welcome to participate. Please contact Cynthia Roberts Hall at (812) 606-0243 or cynhall@bloomington.in.us. (www.cubamistad.wordpress.com)

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org or call 812-349-3433.The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

